

My participant is employed full-time at a job that requires him to travel 40 miles round trip on a daily basis. The income from the job is high enough that the family is no longer eligible for ADC cash assistance. However, with the increasing cost of gasoline, he's having difficulty continuing to pay his bills and keep his car running. Is there ever an exception to the policy that we can only provide gas vouchers until the individual receives their first full pay check?

In these situations the case manager should consider whether or not the person will be able to continue employment without some assistance from Employment First. If the decision is made to assist with gas vouchers beyond the first full pay check, we should be working with the participant to budget income and expenses in such a manner that they are able to assume responsibility for car expenses as soon as possible.

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